

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent)

Cindy Gilberts (Absent)

Joe Jax (Chair) (2.0 hrs.)

Bob Giede (Absent)

Dennis Kropp (1.0 hr.)

Mike Schendel (1.0 hr.)

Mike Smith (1.0 hr.)

Eric Sutherland (2.0 hrs)

Others present: Randy Eide, Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert **Guest:** Monika Herrmann

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. April minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. Dennis Kropp made a motion to accept those minutes and Mike Schendel seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek:

40 students came out to work on the property on Earth Day for a couple of hours. With the progress made in eliminating the more invasive species it will allow for future growth and to see what native species will regrow. Progress is slower and there are fewer work days. Chris stepped down from employment at the end of April so it is more of a Board structured group going forward. Long range plans are an evolving process where we could see some sort of trail – maybe a pedestrian bridge with educational signs throughout the trail.

Urban Forestry Board Member Opening:

Again, there is still an open seat on the board and those that wish to recommend someone for the position on the Urban Forestry Board committee are asked to submit that person's name to Mayor, Randy Knaack.

Urban Forester Report:

City Tree Canopy Report:

Dick Henning says he is still working on the digitized Canopy program.

Stump Removal Update:

The City of Menomonie crew works on taking the smaller stumps out. The City has a contract with Shackleton Tree Service to take out the bigger stumps.

City Council Report: Eric Sutherland reports

- Two (2) new board members attended their first City Council Meeting.
- Eric Sutherland has been reappointed to the UFB committee. Congratulations!
- Two street festivals were approved for the City of Menomonie.
- Prep work continues for the Stout Road Project – work to start next month towards the end of June.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- Booth at the Dunn County Fair in July.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 2 pm Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Eric Sutherland.